

Listen for the sounds of birds scratching in the leaves or listen for their “flock talk” as they come and go to roost. Roosting flocks may produce a wide variety of “yelps,” “clucks,” “kee-kees” and “gobbles.”

Once a flock has been located, one hunting tactic is to scatter the flock. Approach the flock within 50 yards and flush the birds so they will scatter. A dispersed flock normally will begin to regroup within 15 to 30 minutes near the original point of separation.

Quickly set up at this spot. Begin calling the turkeys by imitating the same sounds made by the birds as the flock begins to reassemble. Poultts will give the kee-kee lost call mixed with yelps and clucks. Answer every turkey call heard with similar tone, pitch and rhythm. Using a decoy also may help fool birds into approaching your location.

Successful hunters sit still and allow the birds to come to them. Being camouflaged does not make you invisible. Movement is the greatest enemy of the turkey hunter. A turkey can detect and react to movement 10 times faster than a human. Even though camouflaged, you still are an unnatural form in the woods.

Do not attempt to stalk a turkey. First, that gobbler or hen you are stalking may turn out to be another hunter. Second, your chances of success are poor. At best, you might get a glimpse of tail feathers.

Do not jump and turn at a turkey approaching from behind. The chance of getting a good shot is very slim. Be patient, remain still and let the bird pass.

Assume another person is making every sound you hear. Many turkey hunters are very convincing callers. Always keep a safe distance. If a bird turns out to be another hunter, it could be very dangerous.

If another hunter is working a flock, do not interfere by calling or spooking the birds. Always give other hunters the same respect that you expect.

In fall, both hens and gobblers are legal targets. Make sure the bird is within range of the shotgun and shoot at the neck and head only.

Know the capabilities and limitations of your gun or bow and use it safely.

Be positive of your target. Once you pull the trigger, it is too late!

Do your homework before the season begins—scouting, practicing calling, patterning your gun, etc. The American wild turkey is the most difficult game in North America to hunt one on one. Give yourself all the advantages you can.

Report all turkey poachers by calling the DNR Report All Poaching Hotline at 800-292-7800. To help protect local flocks, several conservation groups throughout the state provide a reward for evidence leading to the conviction of anyone illegally killing a wild turkey.

How to Apply

- ❶ Look at the map and choose a hunt unit.
- ❷ Find the hunt number for the hunt unit you chose. You may make only one choice.
- ❸ Complete worksheet.
- ❹ Apply at a license agent, customer service kiosk or online at www.michigan.gov/dnr
- ❺ Check your receipt. Retain receipt as proof of application.

2004 Fall Wild Turkey Hunt Tables

General Licenses

The general licenses listed below are valid on all land within the unit.

HUNT NUMBERS	HUNT UNIT	OPEN SEASON	LICENSE QUOTA
401	A	October 4–November 9	800
402	J	October 4–November 9	5,000
403	L	October 4–November 9	200
404	M	October 4–November 9	600
405	N	October 4–November 9	400
406	O	October 4–November 9	1,500
407	W	October 4–November 9	200

Private Land Only Licenses

The private land licenses listed below are not valid on county, state or federal lands. You are encouraged to have permission to hunt private lands before applying for one of these licenses.

HUNT NUMBERS	HUNT UNIT	OPEN SEASON	LICENSE QUOTA
408	E	October 4–November 9	1,800
409	G	October 4–November 9	3,200
410	GA	October 4–November 9	3,000
411	GB	October 4–November 9	3,500

412	GC	October 4–November 9	2,000
413	L	October 4–November 9	10,000
414	M	October 4–November 9	600
415	N	October 4–November 9	600
416	O	October 4–November 9	1,000
417	Q	October 4–November 9	1,200
418	T	October 4–November 9	500
419	W	October 4–November 9	4,000
420	WA	October 4–November 9	700

Worksheet

The license agent will ask for the following information when applying:

1. Your birth date?

_____ / _____ / _____
2. Customer ID number?

Michigan Driver License, state of Michigan ID Card,
or DNR Sportcard
3. Application item type?

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4. Joining existing party?
(Parties may not
exceed 2 people)

No, if applying by yourself or you are the first person in a party
to apply; (Go to item 6).
 Yes, if joining a partner (Go to item 5).
5. Party ID number?

(_____) (Same number as printed on your partner's
receipt; none, if applying by yourself)
6. Hunt Number

(See table for hunt numbers)

Note: You must get a new party ID number each year, even if you apply for the same hunt number and have the same partner.

2004 Fall Workshop Dates

The DNR, Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association, National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) and other groups are cooperating to offer wild turkey hunter orientation courses. The training sessions are open to anyone and may include turkey hunting methods, calling, regulations and population status. A fee may be charged and space may be limited. For details, contact:

- September 18—Clare, Jay’s Sporting Goods

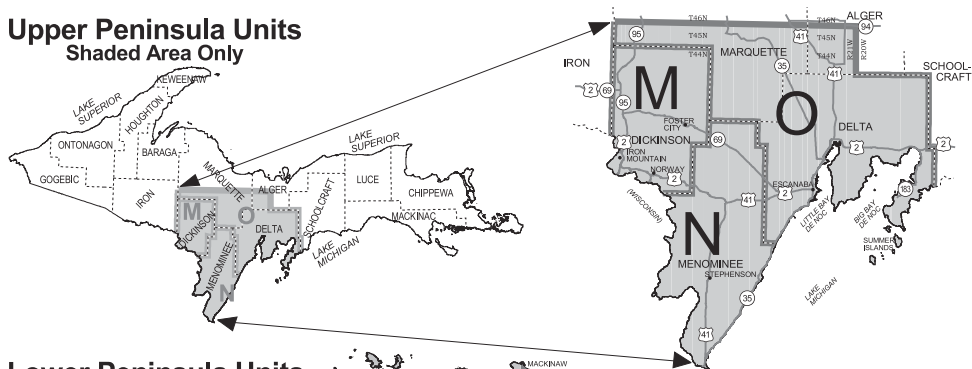
Michigan Wild Turkey
Hunters Association
Jim Maturen (231) 832-2575
- September 25—Dundee, Cabela’s

River Raisin Chapter, NWTF
A.M. and P.M. workshop
John Smith (734) 529-4700
- September 19—Clare, Jay’s Sporting Goods

Gateway Gobblers, NWTF
Matt Drake (989) 386-3475

2004 Fall Turkey Hunting Units

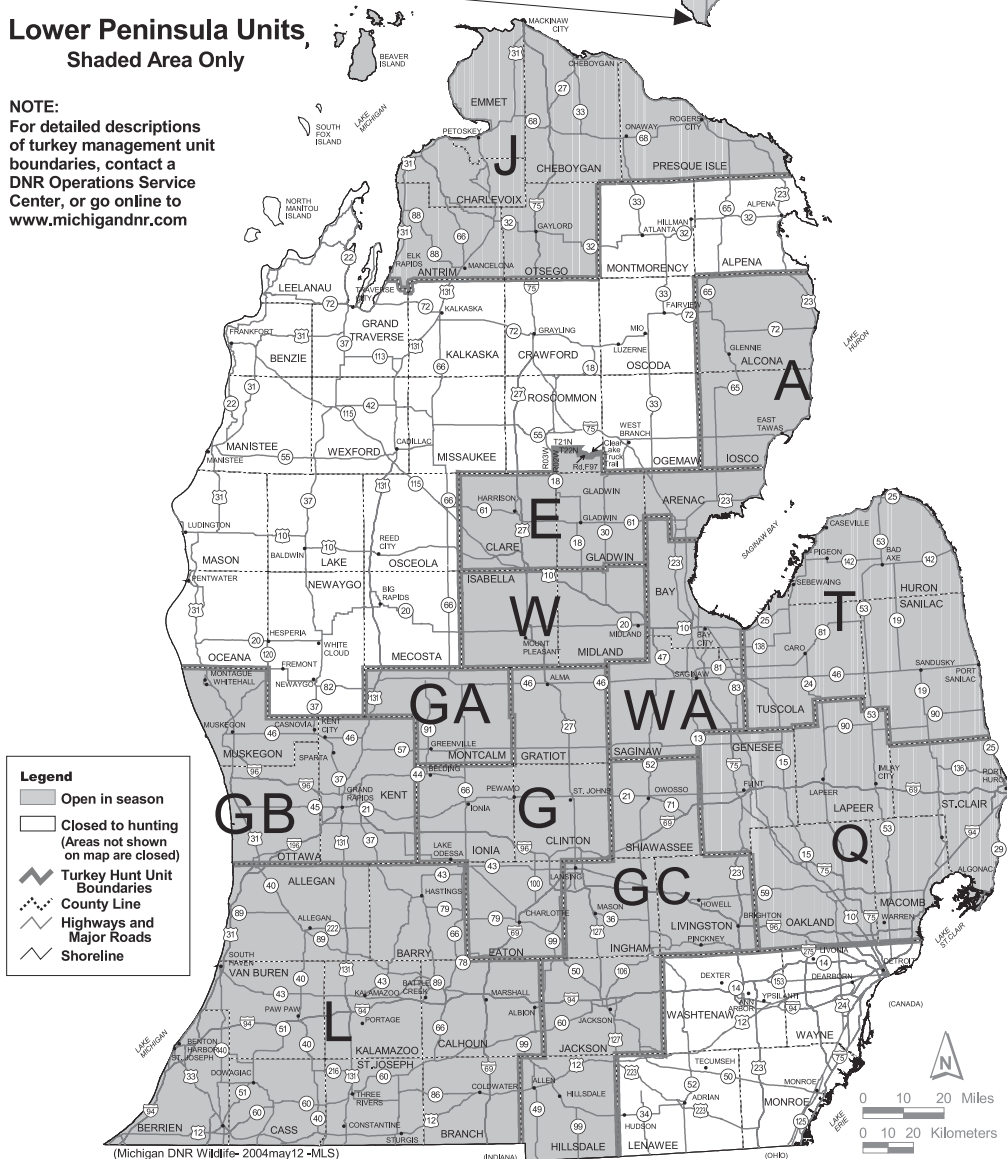
Upper Peninsula Units Shaded Area Only



Lower Peninsula Units, Shaded Area Only

NOTE:

For detailed descriptions of turkey management unit boundaries, contact a DNR Operations Service Center, or go online to www.michiganandnr.com



Legend

- Open in season
- Closed to hunting
(Areas not shown on map are closed)
- Turkey Hunt Unit Boundaries
- County Line
- Highways and Major Roads
- Shoreline



0 10 20 Miles
0 10 20 Kilometers

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Violations (RAP)800-292-7800
TTY/TDD711 (Michigan Relay Center)

The DNR Operations Service Centers listed below are open
Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Baraga 427 US-41 North Baraga, MI 49908 906-353-6651	Gaylord 1732 W. M-32 Gaylord, MI 49735 989-732-3541	Bay City 503 N. Euclid Ave., Suite 1 Bay City, MI 48706 989-684-9141
Marquette 1990 US-41 South Marquette, MI 49855 906-228-6561	Roscommon 1-75 & M-18 South 8717 N. Roscommon Rd. Roscommon, MI 48653 989-275-5151	Livonia* 38980 Seven Mile Rd. Livonia, MI 48152 734-953-0241
Newberry 5100 M-123 Newberry, MI 49868 906-293-5131	Cadillac 8015 Mackinaw Trail Cadillac, MI 49601 231-775-9727	Plainwell 621 N. 10th St. Plainwell, MI 49080 269-685-6851

*New location will occur in late 2004



The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act places an excise tax on firearms, handguns, ammunition and archery equipment. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service apportions these funds to state wildlife agencies to be used for wildlife management, research, habitat acquisition, game area and shooting range development and hunter education. Since its inception in 1937, Michigan's share of the Wildlife Restoration funds has reached almost \$150 million.

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